

wounds. The measuring of the surface of the wound is carried out every fourth day as follows:—

(1) The surface of the wound and of the epithelial edge is traced on a sterilised sheet of celluloid tissue (celophane).

(2) The sheet is sent to the laboratory and copied (retraced).

(3) The two outlines are measured by means of a planimeter, and the curve is traced and recorded every day on a special form.

## NURSING AND THE WAR.

### THE ROYAL RED CROSS.

On Saturday last the following Matrons, Sisters and Nurses were decorated by the King at Buckingham Palace with the Royal Red Cross:—

#### FIRST CLASS.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE.

*Matrons*: Helen Hare and Ethel St. Quintin.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE RESERVE.

*Matrons*: Maud Banfield, Sarah Brown, Mary Carruthers, Margaret Morgan, Bessie Stephenson, Clara Tisdell.

*Sisters*: Mary Babb and Elizabeth Jayne.

CIVIL NURSING SERVICE.

*Matrons*: Georgina Morgan and Katherine Scott.

#### SECOND CLASS.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE.

*Matrons*: Irene Carruthers and Mary McCabe.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE RESERVE.

*Matron*: Ethel Beloe.

*Assistant Matrons*: Mary Cooper, Louie Lane.

*Sisters*: Edith Bell, Kathleen Bolton, Grace Bond, Winifred Butcher, Isabella Carnaghan, Winifred Chapman, Ada Clarke, Margaret Clarke, Constance Douet, Katherine Fancourt, Phyllis Gibbins, Pauline Gill, Florence Gittins, Gertrude Green, Constance Harley, Maude Meeke, Jessie Nelson, Agnes Paton, Florence Pearson, Caroline Roberts, Ada Smith, Amelia Smith, Winifred Tice, Kathleen Vine, Theresa Woodward

*Staff Nurses*: Margaret Aherne, Jessie Cameron, Flora Campbell, Margaret Cocking, Anne O'Neill, Elizabeth Webster, and Mary Wray.

TERRITORIAL FORCE NURSING SERVICE.

*Matron*: Grace Craig.

*Assistant Matron*: Jean Edgar.

*Sisters*: Mary Bolderstone, Jane Dunlop, Laura Gordon, Katherine Muirhead, Eleanor Wilkinson.

*Staff Nurses*: Gwenllian Lewis, Catherine MacFie, and Alicia Wishart.

CIVIL NURSING SERVICE.

*Sister*: Eliza Addison.

VOLUNTARY AID DETACHMENT.

Mrs. Headlam.

The picture on page 222, which by the kind permission of the Editor of *The Gentlewoman*, we are able to publish, is of Miss Kathleen Smith, Assistant Matron of the Second Southern Hospital, Bristol (T.F.), who was recently decorated by the King with the Royal Red Cross. Our readers will agree that it is a very charming portrait.

The Hon. Sir Charles Russell, the Chairman, is greatly to be congratulated on the success of the Sale of Antiques now being held at Christie's, for the benefit of the funds of the Joint War Committee. The quality of the gifts is far higher than last year, and the result of the Sale—which is to last for thirteen days—will, we feel sure, far exceed the £50,000 raised last year. Of pictures, drawings and prints, china, pottery and furniture, silver, jewellery, books and manuscripts, there is the most tempting display. Amongst the latter are two letters from Miss Florence Nightingale, presented respectively by Miss D. Bouton and Miss Julia Smith; and Miss Bessie Thompson presents a small travelling Writing Case, covered with leather, with one page inscription written in pencil by Florence Nightingale; also Note by her, enclosed, dated 1st September, 1896, "God bless our departing Home Sister, Miss Crossland, says every petal of these poor flowers, and every grape of the vine." Little did the writer think when she pencilled this little note, that ultimately it would be sold to benefit her dear soldiers, in a war far more barbarous than the Crimean War upwards of sixty years ago!

Mr. MacVeagh, on the 20th inst., asked the Under Secretary of State for War on what date the Committee on the Supply of Nurses presented its Report; whether he could state why it has not yet been presented to Parliament; and whether he could state whether it is intended to publish it in full?

Mr. Macpherson replied that the Report was being considered by the Army Council, and that until it had been considered he could not say whether it was to be published or not.

Mr. MacVeagh asked if, in view of the urgently important nature of the question (the shortage of nurses), there was any reason why the Report should be held up for two months without any explanation?

Mr. Macpherson replied that he quite realised the importance of the Report, but that they did not wish to do anything until the Army Council had thoroughly considered it.

Mr. MacVeagh said he was sorry to press his hon. friend, but the question of the adequate

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